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Kind Secures \$16 Million for Western Wisconsin Transportation Projects

Highway bill creates jobs, streamlines commerce, enhances safety

Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) announced today that western Wisconsin will receive \$16 million in federal funding for transportation infrastructure projects. Kind voted to support the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU) HR 3, providing \$284 billion in federal support for highways and public transit over the next six years, including \$206.5 million in additional transportation funds for the state of Wisconsin.

“The money for Wisconsin’s highway and transit infrastructure will enhance the efficiency of interstate commerce, alleviate commuter congestion, and result in safer roads for transit users,” stated Rep. Kind. “Just as important as the funding provided are the jobs that will be created. At a time when job creation is a critical priority, this bill is estimated to create 47,500 new jobs for each billion spent on highway funding.”

The highway bill provides funding for federal-aid highway, public transportation, transportation safety and research, with additional funding reserved for urgent need projects in individual congressional districts. The \$16 million in additional funding awarded to Wisconsin’s Third Congressional District will support the following transportation infrastructure projects:

- **\$7,000,000** to reconstruct and rebuild the St. Croix River Crossing, connecting Wisconsin State Hwy. 64 in Houlton, WI to Minnesota State Hwy. 36 in Stillwater, MN.
- **\$4,000,000** to widen Wisconsin State Hwy. 64 between Houlton and New Richmond, WI.
- **\$3,000,000** to reconstruct Wisconsin State Hwy. 21 at the I-94 Interchange.
- **\$2,000,000** for the expansion of USH 151, between Dickeyville and Belmont.

“I am pleased that the bill recognizes the importance of these transportation projects in Wisconsin’s Third Congressional District. Specifically, the inclusion of funding for the Stillwater Bridge, which connects Houlton, Wisconsin and Stillwater, Minnesota is great news for those of us who have been working on this project for years,” said Kind.

The transportation authorization bill awaits action in the U.S. Senate.